TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FOURTH COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1106.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT*)

Tuesday, 19th Karkatakam, 1106/the 4th August, 1931.

The Council reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven thirty of the Clock with the President in the Chair.

All the members except Mr. I. C. Chacko and Mr. R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai were present.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Thanu Pillai, with reference to your statement yesterday, I found on enquiry that there was some confusion as you stated. That was due to the fact that in the beginning, more tickets were issued than there was accommodation. The members themselves must have noticed on some days that there was a big crowd which could not be properly accommodated in the gallery. That, I find, was the cause of some little confusion that did really take place yesterday; and I have now issued instructions which would prevent a recurrence of such confusion.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Classification of Public Works for Budget purposes.

58. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the basis on which public works are classified as "works in progress" and "new works" in the Budget;

(*b*) the works which were included in the Budget for 1106 under "works in progress" and for which provision is not made in the next year's Budget; and

(*c*) whether in the next year's Budget, provision is made for "new works" without making provision for the incomplete works in progress in 1106?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Works that have been started or were expected to be taken up during the previous year are classified as "works in progress" in the Budget for the succeeding year. Works that are to be taken up newly in the year are classed as "new works."

(*b*) A statement,* showing the item numbers of works included under "works in progress" in the Budget for 1106 but not provided for in the Budget for 1107 owing to the expectation of their being completed in 1106, or for other reasons as explained therein, is attached.

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 496.

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[Mr. C. O. Madhavan.]

(*c*) Yes. A few incomplete works that are considered less urgent and that can afford to wait have been omitted.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : With reference to the answer to part (*a*), am I to understand that the items included in the works in progress in the Budget of 1106 were expected to be started in 1105?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) May I know why such works were not started even before the close of 1106?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There can be very many difficulties before starting a work. In some cases lands will have to be acquired and in other cases there may be some changes in the design. For all these things actual taking up of the work may be delayed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : How were these works expected to be taken up in 1106?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Expectations are not always fulfilled as the member himself may know.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) Are not these expectations based on facts?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Certainly, they are.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : With regard to the answer to part (*c*), may I know in whose views these works were considered less urgent?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : P. W. D. officers, and the Government agreeing with the opinion of the P. W. D. officers.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Is it the view of the P. W. D. officers of the lacality, *i. e.*, the Division Officer and the Sub-Division Officer?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : So far as Government are concerned they get the views of the Chief Engineer. He may base his conclusions on the reports of the Division Officers.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : So, it is the view of the Chief Engineer that these works were less urgent?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : And of the Government also. The Chief Engineer's views have been accepted by the Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : So, Government's view is based upon the views of Chief Engineer?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : More or less it is like that. Of course, there may be exceptions.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): And there have been works which were considered urgent by the Chief Engineer and which are considered to be not urgent by the Government?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is possible that such a contingency may arise.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have the Government any other advisors with regard to the execution of the public works?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government generally go by the recommendations of the Chief Engineer. But, some times, when the Chief Engineer recommends certain works to be urgently taken up, Government may not be able to accept his opinion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it on the ground of the urgency of the work?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): May be for want of funds or on the ground that it can afford to wait.

Educational reforms.

59. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have constituted any agency for reforming the present educational system since the pronouncement made by the Dewan on the 6th August 1927 (*vide* page 382 of Vol. XI of the Council Proceedings), that the system of education in the State needs overhauling from top to bottom?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why even after the lapse of 4 years no steps were taken to constitute the agency referred to in the question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As was mentioned by the Director here two or three years ago, the matter has advanced a little further. He has reported to Government and he has placed before the Government the problem which the committee to be constituted has to consider.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): So, it has advanced a little further during all these four years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. He was asked by the Government in October 1930 to report on the terms of reference.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know what was done up to the close of 1930?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was under consideration. There were difficulties.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Carrying out the declaration made in this House three years ago, was being considered all these years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 58.**

List showing the item Nos. of the works included in the Budget for 1106 but not provided for in the Budget for 1107 M.E.

Part I of the Budget for 1106.

Items. 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23*, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37*, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46*, 48, 50, 51*, 55*, 56, 57, 61, 63, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74*, 76, 78, 79, 80, 82, 84, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 92*, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99,101, 102, 104,105,106*, 107, 108*, 110, 111, 120*, 121, 122, 123, 125, 126, 128, 129, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 137*, 138, 140*, 141, 142, 144, 145, 149, 150*, 152, 154, 156, 159, 166, 174, 177*, 180, 185, 186, 189, 192, 195, 196, 198, 202, 203, 204*, 205, 207, 209, 210*, 211, 212, 214, 215, 216, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 234, 236, 237, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243*, 244, 245*, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 262*, 265, 266, 267, 270, 271, 272, 274, 276, 281, 283, 288*, 289, 290, 291, 292, 294, 295, 297, 301, 303*, 306, 307*, 310, 312, 313, 314*, 317, 321*, 326, 328, 335, 336, 337, 338*, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344*, 346, 347*, 348, 349, 350*, 354*, 355*356, 357, 359, 361, 362, 363*, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 373, 374, 375, 377, 378, 379, 380, 387, 387A, 388, 389, 393, 395, 397, 398, 399, 401, 402, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 412, 413, 414, 417, 422, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 430, 433, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 445, 447, 448, 449, 453, 455, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466 467, 468, 469, 471, 472, 473, 477, 478, 479, 481,482, 483, 484, and 487.

N. B. Items marked* are to be held in abeyance in 1107 either for want of lands or change of design or because they are considered less urgent and can afford to wait. All the other items are expected to be completed in 1106 and hence not provided for in 1107.

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